

International Student Organization

Meeting Minutes

02/02/2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the International Student Organization was called to order at 11:13 am on 02/02/2022 in William J Robertson Library Conference Room by Virginia Zanotti, ISO President.

Present

Dr. Deidre Guyton, Rebecca Hatch, Dr. Jamkhandi, Virginia Zanotti (President), Patrice Sterling (Secretary), Juan De Freitas (Vice President), Natasha Woart, Julianna Jimenez Gomes (Treasurer), Fabian Avila Torres, Fernanda Heredia Pereira, and Fernando Arguello.

Agenda: The agenda for the meeting was distributed. **Items included were: ISO Field Trip to Charleston, Funding for the Field Trip, Community Service Suggestion, Agora, Update I-20, Women's Day, UN Day.**

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Issues

Number of members that want to travel to Charleston. ISO members should be sent an email if they wish to participate in this trip (need to have the list by the middle of February). Once the total number of travelers is determined, request lunch costs (\$10-15/person) from the SGA. In the meanwhile, try to engage in a fundraising activity.

Possible Dates for the trip: March 4, 18 or 25, or 4 of April.

Dr. Deidre Guyton informed attendees that the ISO had a bank account with the BSC Foundation. ISO President Virginia Zanotti will meet with Dr. Guyton about how to deposit/retrieve funds from this account.

Suggestions for Community services that ISO might engage in:

- Bluefield Union Mission: Help serve meals.
- April 6, assist with BSC Job Fair (Rebekah Hatch).
- Translate into different members' languages PowerPoint Presentation about how BSC provides career-oriented degree programs. [Dr. Jamkhandi will share the PPP with ISO President Virginia Zanotti to share with the members.]
- Participate in Agora (sing, perform music, submit creative work—written, paintings, photography, etc.). Submissions for the 2022 virtual Agora should be emailed to agora@bluefieldstate.edu.
- Juan De Freitas reminded students to update their I-20 if they have not done so yet.

New Business

Plan for International Women's Day on March 8th,2022. Create paper flowers for distribution to BSC female employees.

Inform Bluefield City Manager Cecil Marson that ISO supports joint UN Day celebration in Chicory Square. ISO will request funding support from SGA.

The next general meeting will be at 11:00 am on 02/28/2022, in the William B Robertson conference room.

With no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am by Virginia Zanotti, ISO President.

Minutes submitted by:

Patrice Sterling

Approved by:

Dr. Sudhakar Jamkhandi